

the sp. growing like this year
when I found a considerable
growth of it on the bank of
a "branch" - although the location
was not very moist, some
of the plants were fully 18" high!
I also found a shrub this fall
that I never saw before, living
or dried - I will enclose a bit
if I can find it before sending
this to the mail - on the leaves alone
I would not venture to deter-
mine it -

I am glad to see the H. bn. paper
advertised in the Naturalist -
This will be a great convenience
to many, & will save you the trouble
of supplying it - I hope to have
some mounting done this Winter
but an unexpected guest in the
family will somewhat frustrate
my plans - Yours very truly
A. Mearns

Liberty, Bedford Co., Pa.
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Prof. A. S. Peck:
Dear Sir - I trust
you will excuse my negligence
in not sooner attending to
your card of Oct. 7th -
Next year I hope to have
my business so arranged
that I can treat my correspon-
dents better - have been
collecting a good many seeds
for you & when I have seen
more I have cleaned all
as well as I can I will send
them on - I enclose some
Lithospermum seed from
Dr. Hatterman - I made a trip
to the Mts. on the 10th & 11th of this mo.
& intended to get the Podostemon
on my return, but
was belated, crossed the stream

4th dark, 10.0 & 21.10
bind it - but I will try to
send it next year -

In regard to the *Trichomanes*
indianum which Prof. Fries
found in Ky., as you said
nothing about it in your reply
to mine informing you about
it, I concluded you had
heard about it from some
other source - But I will
send you a good specimen.
Most of the specims. I recd I
have sent of Prof. Eaton,
thinking they would be most
valuable to him - I have
searched for other stations of
Polypodium incanum - in the
Mts. & in the "flat-woods" but
have found none, although
I have found patches of *Polypodium*
looked just like it at a
little distance -

Prof. French writes that he
did not secure any plants
of the *Phlox Stellaria*, but
got a small supply of *H. sp.*
He promises me 2 or 2
specimens. & I will send you the best

A lady was telling me to-day
that at the West she had seen
8 "vars." of the Wild Plum !!
Perhaps this is not more re-
markable than the variation
in *Diospyros*, but Patterson's
specim. shows that there are
more important variations
- in the *var.*

I enclose a branch of a paricle
of what strikes me as being a
remarkable form of *Phragmites*
You will notice that the glumes
are nearly or quite equal & that
they nearly or quite equal the ped.
also that the ~~upper~~ palea is
three-awned - I never saw